## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application, and all claims stand rejected. By way of this paper, claims 10-12 have been cancelled.

Remaining claims 1-9, and 13-14 stand rejected over the published patent application to Danker et al., either solely, under 102(b), or in combination with other references, under 103(a). Danker et al.'s priority date is February 28, 2003, which is after the priority date of the present patent application, December 11, 2002.

Hence, Danker et al. is not applicable as prior art to the presently pending claims and so the presently pending claims must be passed to issue.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, which would be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.99.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company's, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,

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